New Lab Seeks Reproductive Secrets

The facility is the Animal Hus- at agricultural schools.

bandry's Department of Physiology of Reproduction Laboratory, which in a completely remode ed, air In the structure's 4,800 square Culling out leafer animals.

SORENSEN SAID there are a offices, animal stalls and an opera- of livestock.

tector, all of which work together call an ova bank.

materials.

bandry has pioneered fertility stu- Groups of animals with known management. We know what hap-

A sparkling new laboratory at is devoted to a better understandA&M University is quietly probing some of nature's most complex secrets—the reproductive processes of farm animals.

Conditioned building which once was A&M's milk test building just gressive cattlemen. The system is based on semen evaluation. Antomatically the lab is Dr. A. M.

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National Science Foundation grant, and thyroid activity.

There also is a study underway other program to come out of the hyroid activity and fertility based on radio isotope measurement, and thyroid activity.

feet of usable floor space are a number of research projects underwide variety of scientific equip- way in the lab which will someday ment, graduate student facilities, help fertility problems in all types search projects is known as syn

animal husbandry, are especially (egg) of cows. Ova will be taken

placed in pust any healthy cow, and physiology has only been dente All these facilities can be seen the calf will bear the characteristics of the sire and the original "There are a

dies in Texas. Some of these find- fertility are sacrificed to see if pens many times but not always ings have found practical applica- there is any relationship between why." fertility and tissue cells, conception, Answering those "why" is the Fertility testing of bulls, for blood calcium, blood phosphorus, objective of the laboratory.

to count potency of radioactive Later, one fertilized ova can be that the science of reproduction

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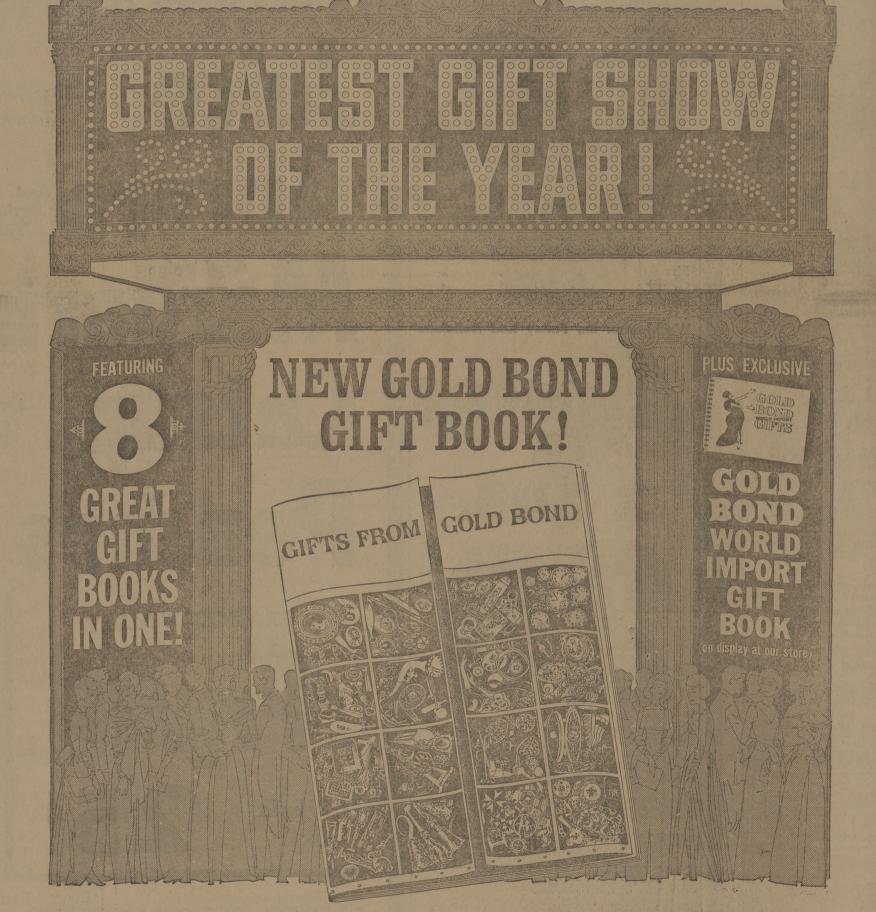
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